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I've become the beast Prince's concubine...?!
Kingdom Fantasy
砂漠のハレム
Harem in the desert
第2話
Chapter 2
夢木みつる
お手紙待ってます♥
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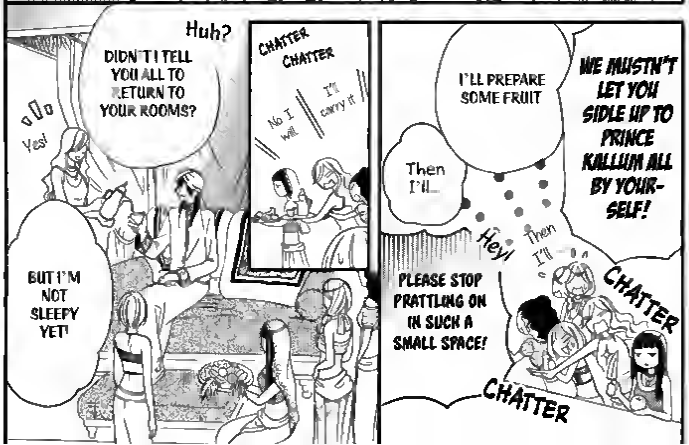
"YOU WILL ENTER MY HAREM."
THE THIRD PRINCE, KALLUM, GOVERNS THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF THE COUNTRY OF JAGARA.
AGAINST MY WILL, I BECAME HIS 30TH CONCUBINE
MATCH THE RHYTHM OF THE MUSIC
TURN ONCE THERE
A FEW DAYS AGO.

NOW I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING TO BECOME ONE OF HIS CONCUBINES
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY
YAWN
Ugh, that was rough!
I'm beat—
WHAP
WATCH YOUR TONGUE!!
WE PURSUE KNOWLEDGE AND HONE OUR TALENTS
SO WE CAN PROVIDE COMFORT TO PRINCE KALLUM AND HELP HIM WITH NATIONAL AFFAIRS WHEN NECESSARY
BEFORE ALL OF THAT
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR A ROYAL FAMILY MEMBER'S WIFE TO HAVE PRIDE AND BEHAVE WITH DECORUM!
EVEN THOUGH YOU RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY'S INNER COURT
YOU WERE STILL A SLAVE ORIGINALLY
Goodness!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR PRINCE KALLUM'S FAVOR
WHO WOULD BOTHER LOOKING AFTER YOU?
Hmph
I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T LIKE FREELOADING SO I'M TRAINING
I NEVER INTENDED

I SEE YOU'RE HAVING A PLEASANT CONVERSATION
TO BECOME THAT ARROGANT BEAST PRINCE'S CONCUBINE—
AND THIS MAN IS
THE 3RD PRINCE KALLUM,
HUSBAND TO 30 WIVES
YOU ALL WORKED HARD LATE INTO THE NIGHT
RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS AND REST
GEH!
PRINCE KALLUM!
YOU MUST BE TIRED I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK NOW...
THERE IS NO NEED

JUST BEFORE I BECAME HIS CONCUBINE,
Don't touch me, you beast!!!
Don't—
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE ME, MISHE?
GRAB
Augh?!
IT SEEMS YOU HATE BEING MY CONCUBINE, BUT
Pardon us.
Then we shall take our leave.
I SHOULD GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE
Um,
THEN I'LL BE OFF TO MY ROOM TOO

I WAS A SLAVE IN THE PRINCE OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY'S INNER COURT.
WHERE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, I RECEIVED INTENSIVE DANCE AND LANGUAGE TRAINING.
I WAS BETRAYED IN THE END, AND CAME TO HATE ROYALTY.
AT THAT TIME, PRINCE KALLUM TOOK ME IN.
HE IS DIFFERENT THAN THE PREVIOUS PRINCE. HE RESPECTS WOMEN, SO
I WANT TO GET TO KNOW HIM A LITTLE MORE, BUT...
...THERE IS NO OTHER WOMAN THAN YOU WHO WOULD SLAP ME.
As usual, you haven't a shred of grace
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE OVERLY TOUCHY-FEELY, OF COURSE!
YOUR OVERREACTION IS FUNNY. I CAN'T HELP MYSELF.
NEVER MIND THAT. GET ME A DRINK.
EXCHANGES LIKE THIS ARE AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE.



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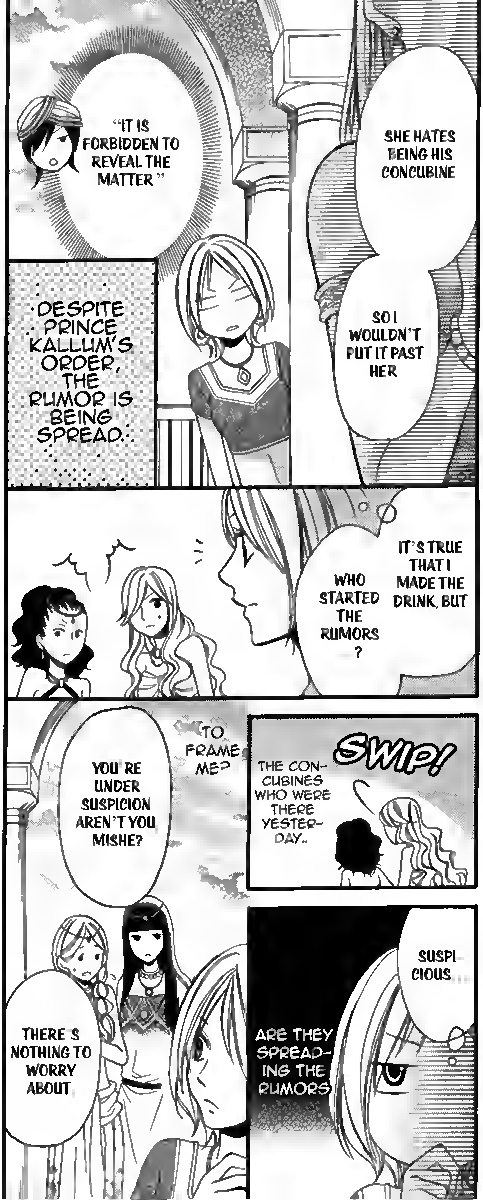
THIS IS POISONED.
PRINCE KALLUM?
...
WHO MADE THIS?
WHAT?
IT WASN'T ME
ME NEITHER!
SHAKE SHAKE
POISONED...?
FOR NOW
I'LL ASK EACH OF YOU

WHOA!
INDIVIDUALLY.
SWIP
SWIP
SWIP
!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M EXAMINING HIS BODY!
MY TRAINING IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY ALSO INCLUDED MEDICINE
I know something about poisons.
WHAT A DESPICABLE PRINCE
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I'M FINE
I'M RESISTANT TO POISON
TO MAKE YOU LEARN SOMETHING LIKE THAT TOO
I'VE BEEN SERVED POISON COUNTLESS TIMES IN THE PAST.
COUNTLESS TIMES?
IT'S NOT A CONCERN
NO ONE IS TO LOOK DEEPLY INTO THE MATTER.

WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE THRONE, PRINCE KALLUM LED THE PROVINCE TO PROSPERITY.
THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE WAS IN RUINS
TUP
TUP
IT IS FORBIDDEN TO REVEAL THE MATTER
BECAUSE OF THAT, HIS CONCUBINES WERE ABDUCTED
AND HIS LIFE IS ALWAYS IN DANGER.
I HAVE TO FIND THE CULPRIT
Left is there?
There isn't any proof
NOT A CONCERN?
HE'S TOO OPTIMISTIC
BEFORE IT HAPPENS AGAIN...
Hoist!
PRINCE KALLUM?!
YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO A WORD I SAID
I KNEW

I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAID NOT TO PRY DEEPLY INTO THE MATTER
Go back to your bed chamber
Put me down!
I HAVE TO FIND WHO DID THIS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I DON'T SUSPECT
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M WORRYING ABOUT!
YANK—
IF YOU ARE POISONED AGAIN
AND DIE, THEN WHAT?
I'LL DEAL WITH THIS ALONE
WITHOUT DYING
TOSS
WHAT?!
YOU ACTING RASHLY ONLY HINDERS ME
CREAK
YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO HAVE TO

EEP!
BLUSH
ALL NIGHT UNTIL MORNING EVERYDAY IF YOU DON'T COOPERATE RIGHT?
MONITOR YOU
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS,
HE MOCKED ME AGAIN!
Get out right now!
CHATTER
DID YOU HEAR?
PRINCE KALLUM'S DRINK WAS POISONED...
I HEARD MISHE PREPARED THE DRINK
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE
CHATTER
I'LL INVESTIGATE WHEN PRINCE KALLUM IS AWAY.



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春になると近所のスーパーで桜味のいなり寿司が販売されます。ほのかに桜色で香りも良くおいしいです。いつも買いだめをします。桜味の食べ物が大好きなので毎年春になるのが楽しみで仕方ありません。

夢木みつる

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY
YOU CAME FROM ANOTHER PRINCE'S INNER COURT.
Yeah
WHY?
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT HOW IT WAS AT THE HAREM YOU USED TO LIVE IN AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS
COME TO THINK OF IT
YOU CAME FROM ANOTHER HAREM AS A TRIBUTE
A TRIBUTE?
CONCUBINES ARE OFTEN EXCHANGED TO GAIN THE ADVANTAGE IN A NEGOTIATION.
PRINCE KALLUM ONLY RECEIVES CONCUBINES.
HE DOESN'T GIFT THEM.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE INNER COURT I WAS AT BEFORE.
WOMEN WERE MERELY TOOLS TO THAT PRINCE
I CAN'T SAY IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE.
...I SEE.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING SOMEONE WITH POLITICAL POWER WOULD DO
FORGIVE ME BUT I THINK PEOPLE WHO COME FROM OTHER INNER COURTS ARE SUSPICIOUS
They're most likely assassins
I AM A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS OF YOU BUT PLEASE DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME
VARIOUS PEOPLE CONGREGATE
IN THESE OSTENTATIOUS WORLDS THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEEK A HUSBAND, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT.
IT SEEMS IT'S BECOMING A WORLD IN WHICH I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE.
"DO NOT PRY DEEPLY INTO THE MATTER."
"I'LL DEAL WITH THIS MYSELF."

A MARRIAGE LIKE THIS
HE HAS TO DO IT HIMSELF
BECAUSE HE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE
IS SOMEHOW SAD.
LIKE I SAID
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
STOP PLAYING DUMB
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT!
EVEN IF
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH DID YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS ...?

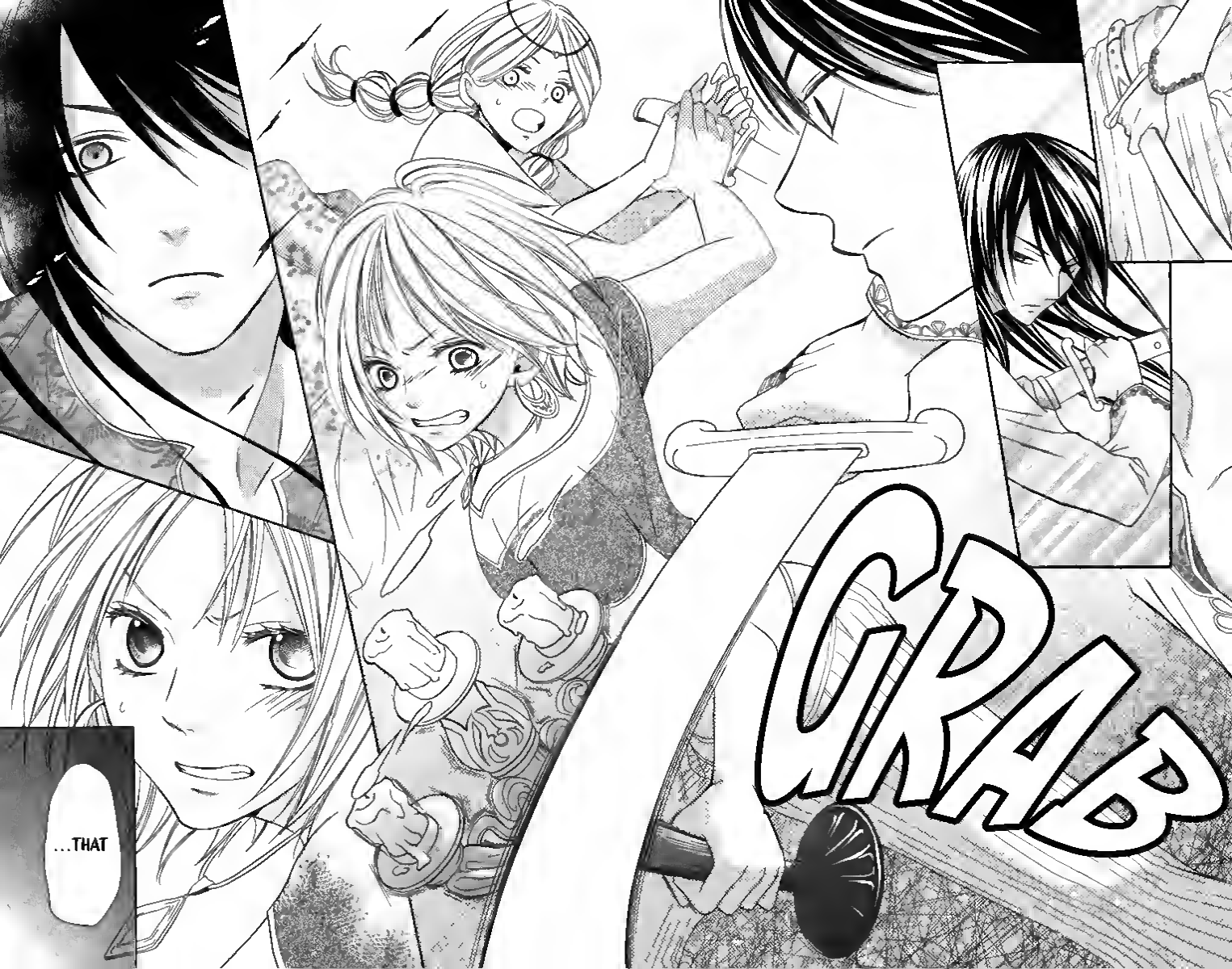
GRAB
NO!!
YOU
RUSH
WE WON'T ALLOW ANY MORE HARM TO COME TO PRINCE KALLUM!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO PREPARED THE DRINK?!
GIVE UP AND CONFESS!
BURN
BURN
BURN
BURN
REALLY
DON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE, DO YOU...?
PRINCE KAL—
IT'S TRUE
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT YOU ARE THE MOST SUSPICIOUS
SMILE
WON'T YOU COOPERATE WITH ME?

CLANK.
HEY?!
THIS OUGHT TO DO
THIS WAY YOU CAN'T CAUSE MORE TROUBLE
I'M TELLING YOU, I'M NOT THE CULPRIT!
LET ME OUT!
MAYBE HE DOES
SUSPECT ME?!
...I SAID IT BEFORE.

I DO NOT TRUST YOU
YOU ACT ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT LISTENING TO WHAT I SAY
CAN I TRUST SOMEONE WHO ACTS LIKE YOU?
I'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT A TOY TO HIM
FROM THE START AFTER ALL.
HE'S BEEN
THERE IS NO ONE TO TRUST
IF YOU UNDERSTAND THEN STAY PUT
HE DOESN'T TREAT ME ANY DIF-FERENTLY ...
HAVING HIS WAY WITH ME
AND THEN HE TELLS ME TO STAY PUT?
UP UNTIL NOW.
HEH HEH

THIS ISN'T A JOKE.
IF YOU EXPECT ME TO STAY PUT IN THIS SITUATION,
THEN YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THING COMING TO YOU!!
NOK
NOK
I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU THIS EVENING
UM
I HEARD THAT MISHE HAS BEEN IMPRISONED ...
ENTER.
YES.

...I COULD NEVER THINK THAT MISHE IS THE CULPRIT.
SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SUSPECT, HOW KIND OF YOU,
BUT...
AND JUST AS I HAD HOPED,
AFTER HEARING THE EVIDENCE FROM EVERYONE IT'S CLEAR THAT MISHE IS GUILTY
THIS WAY I CAN SLEEP SOUNDLY IN THE INNER COURT.
...I SEE.
THAT'S HOW IT IS ISN'T IT?
THE INNER COURT IS A PLACE WHERE A HUSBAND FEELS SAFE TO SLEEP.
YOU HAVE LET DOWN YOUR GUARD.


...THAT
GRAB

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
I'M SORRY ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH!
SLUMP...
HURTS!!
ZING
ZING
UGH
UGH! IT'S HEAVY...!
THAT WOMAN POISONED ME SO OF COURSE, I'M STILL POINTING MY SWORD AT HER!
STAND ASIDE!
NO!
BY THE WAY HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA POINT THAT SWORD AT HER?!
What's wrong?!
My stomach hurts
Ugh!
THE GUARD FAINTED ALL I DID WAS JAB HIM IN A WEAK SPOT
CHOO!
Gun!
SHOULDN'T YOU RETRAIN HIM?
WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
NO...
I WASN'T THINKING MY BODY JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN
MORE IMPORTANTLY
...WAS THAT SWORDSMANSHIP ALSO PART OF YOUR TRAINING?

I
I WAS
TOLD TO KILL PRINCE KALLUM
I WAS SCARED SO I COULDN'T GO AGAINST THE ORDER
SHE ARRIVED SHORTLY BEFORE YOU DID
SHE CAME FROM MY OLDER BROTHER, THE CROWN PRINCE'S HAREM
IT WAS PROBABLY MY BROTHER'S COMMAND
UPON FAILING TO KILL ME WITH THE POISON IN A PANIC THIS WOMAN
The poison had no effect
This can't be!
SPREAD THE RUMOR THAT YOU WERE THE CULPRIT
I heard it was Mishe who made the drink
SHE SAW AN OPENING AND EXPLOITED IT
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT
ASSASSINATING A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY IS A SERIOUS CRIME
IF IT BECAME PUBLIC YOU WOULD BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE EXECUTION
I FAILED MY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT SO
I HAVE NO PLACE TO RETURN AT ANY RATE MY LIFE IS FORFEIT
"....I SEE"
IT'S FINE
I'M PREPARED FOR THAT

HER INTENTIONS ARE WELL-MEANING BUT
"THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING SOMEONE WITH POLITICAL POWER WOULD DO"
THIS WOMAN FRAMED YOU, MISHE
HASN'T SHE REFLECTED UPON HER ACTIONS ENOUGH?
AND
SQUEEZE!
I UNDER-STAND BEING AFRAID
TO OPPOSE SOMEONE

SYMPATHIZING WITH HER DOES NOT CHANGE THE SITUATION
I WILL PUNISH THIS WOMAN
DEVOTE YOURSELF TO ME
DILIGENTLY SERVE NOW MORE THAN EVER.
IF YOU PROMISE ME THAT,
AS MY CONCUBINE.

MY DEEPLY HELD PRE-CONCEIVED NOTIONS.
THE THINGS THAT SOMEONE WITH POLITICAL POWER WOULD DO...
PRINCE KALLUM
ALWAYS EASILY OVER-TURNS
I WILL PROTECT YOU.
After that
When I investigated I found that it was not poison
It was actually herbal medicine
Huh?
Can I call you big sister?
I never doubted Mishe from the start!

BURN
BURN BURN
BURN
BURN
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR PUNISHMENT.
NOW THEN,
STRIDE STRIDE STRIDE
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOU IDIOT WHO LEAPS OUT IN FRONT OF POINTY OBJECTS?!
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF BY SOME SMALL CHANCE I STABBED YOU?
ARG!
BUT WASN'T IT YOUR FAULT
FOR THROWING ME IN JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
BMP!
GOOD-NATURED PEOPLE LIKE YOU AREN'T CRIMINALS.
THAT WAS A LIE TO MISLEAD THE REAL CULPRIT
IN GEN-ERAL
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T TRUST M-ME
YOU SAID I WAS THE CULPRIT

COULDN'T YOU
I WAS WORRIED TOO.
I WANT
RELY ON ME JUST A LITTLE?
YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT AND TRUSTWORTHY WOMAN.
SO DON'T GO DOING THINGS THAT WILL MAKE ME WORRY ABOUT YOU.
!
YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR

I'M NOT OF MUCH USE NOW, BUT
I'LL TRY MY BEST TO BECOME ELEGANT AND INFORMED
Hmm
LET ME SAY THIS,
PAT
TO BECOME YOUR STRENGTH TOO.
YOU'RE THE BAD ONE FOR
MAKING SUCH AN ADORABLE FACE WHILE BEING ANGRY

Heh heh
EVEN WHEN I KNOW I'M BEING TEASED,
C-CUTE?!
I'LL LET YOU OFF WITH ONLY THIS MUCH THIS TIME IF YOU ACT CUTELY.
THAT'S YOUR PUNISH-MENT.
BLUSH
WHY IS IT THAT I STILL WANT TO GET CLOSER?
SMACK!
AS IF I COULD?!!
Harem in the Desert
End of Chapter 2
To be Continued...